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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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MAY 19, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 1891.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1891) granting a pension to Celestia R. Barry, have examined the same, and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives hereto appended is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended.

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HOUSE REPORT.

The claimant is the widow of Claudius C. Barry, late a private of Captain Conner's company of Texas Mounted Volunteers in the war with Mexico. The records of the War Department show that he enlisted May 5, 1848, and was discharged with the company December 31, 1848. The rolls further show that the regiment was called into service for the protection of the frontier against hostile Mexicans and Indians, and it is also shown that casualties occurred in the regiment December 1, 1848, at Brazos River, and December 30, 1848, at Austin, Tex.

The soldier was allowed a pension under the Mexican war act of January 29, 1887, but when his widow made application after his death (which occurred May 4, 1894) the rulings of the Pension Bureau had changed, and her claim was rejected "on the ground that the soldier did not serve the requisite sixty days in the war with Mexico, as said war closed May 30, 1848."

Mrs. Barry is now 56 years old, and the testimony filed at the Pension Bureau fully establishes her widowhood and that she has no property or income, but is dependent upon others for support. It is also shown that she is so disabled by rheumatism as to incapacitate her from earning a maintenance by her own labor.

The soldier's service, notwithstanding the fact that the Pension Bureau holds that the Mexican war ended May 30, 1848, was of an arduous and dangerous character, and extended far beyond the date named. As stated above, casualties occurred in the regiment as long as six months subsequent to May 30, 1848.

Your committee believe that the claimant is deserving of relief, and the passage of the bill is therefore recommended.

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